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SUBJ: ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF LESZEK JAN DOBROVOLSKY

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1. SUMMARY: DURING CONVERSATION WITH CONOFF FEB 22, DOBROVOLSKY CLAIMED EXTENSIVE HARASSMENT, INCLUDING PHYSICAL ABUSE, BY S.A. BUREAU OF STATE SECURITY (BOSS) AGENTS SINCE 1974, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO ACT AS AN AGENT FOR THEM. HE CLAIMS BOSS HAS FREQUENTLY DEMANDED THAT HE EMIGRATE FROM S.A. BECAUSE HE IS A "SECURITY RISK", BUT INTERIOR MINISTRY REFUSES TO ISSUE HIM A PASSPORT. HE PLANS TO MAKE ANOTHER APPLICATION TO SAG FEBRUARY 25-26. WE CANNOT JUDGE AS TO TRUTHFULNESS OF ALLEGATIONS ALTHOUGH DOBROVOLSKY APPEARED SINCERE IN DISCUSSING THEM. HOWEVER DOCUMENTS IN POST FILES PROVIDED BY AMCITS DORBROVOLSKY VISITED DURING A 1974 U.S. TRIP ALLEGE HE STOLE ITEMS FROM THEM AND RENEGED ON LARGE DEBTS. END SUMMARY

2. ALTHOUGH HAZY ABOUT DETAILS, DOBROVOLSKY INTIMATED HE WAS
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FIRST APPROACHED BY BOSS BECAUSE HE HAD SERVED AS AN AGENT FOR U.S. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE IN POLAND AFTER WW II. HE SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAINED REFUGEE STATUS IN FRANCE IN 1952 AND EMIGRATED TO S.A. IN 1964. HE WAS GRANTED S.A. CITIZENSHIP IN 1966 AND, HE ALLEGES, WAS PUBLICLY APOLITICAL (ALTHOUGH PRIVATELY CRITICAL OF APARTHEID) WHEN APPROACHED BY BOSS IN 1974. LATTER CONTACT WAS MADE BY JOHN BROOKS, THE S.A. VICE CONSUL IN EDINBURGH (AND, DOBROVOLSKY

ALLEGES, A WELL KNOWN BOSS AGENT), WHO SUGGESTED HE EMIGRATE TO THE U.S. AND ATTEMPT TO PENETRATE THE "AFRICA SECTION" OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PURPOSE OF PASSING INFORMATION TO BOSS. DOBROVOLSKY SAID HE REFUSED AND HEARD NOTHING MORE FROM BROOKS OR BOSS UNTIL 1975 WHEN AGENTS ASKED HIM TO BE AN INFORMER ON THE VARIOUS EASTERN EUROPEAN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN S.A. WHEN HE REFUSED THEY DETAINED HIM AND TOOK HIS PASSPORT, IDENTITY CARD, AND DRIVERS LICENSE. AT THAT TIME HE CLAIMS THEY TOLD HIM THEY CONSIDERED HIM A SECURITY RISK AND INFERRED HE WAS A SPY FOR UNSTATED FOREIGN COUNTRIES. DOBROVOLSKY CLAIMS THAT SINCE 1975 HE HAS BEEN PICKED UP, QUESTIONED, AND PHYSICALLY ASSAULTED BY BOSS ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH (SIC). IN ADDITION HE ALLEGES AN SAG AND BOSS VENDETTA AGAINST HIM. HE CITES AS EVIDENCE THEIR REFUSAL TO ISSUE HIM A PASSPORT SINCE 1975, INABILITY TO OBTAIN WORK IN HIS CHOSEN FIELDS DESPITE GOOD QUALIFICATIONS, AND SAG SURVEILLANCE OF HIS MAIL, TELEPHONE AND PERSON. HE STATED THAT TWICE HE WAS OFFERED EMPLOYMENT IN PRIVATE FIRMS, BUT EACH TIME PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS TOLD HIM THEY WERE ADVISED BY BOSS AGAINST HIRING DOBROVOLSKY. AS A RESULT HE HAS BEEN FORCED TO WORK AS A CARPET CLEANER EARNING ONLY R300 (\$345) PER MONTH.

3. DURING INTERROGATION SESSIONS, DOBROVOLSKY ALLEGES, BOSS AGENTS TOLD HIM HE MUST EMIGRATE BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT HIM IN S.A. HE SAYS HE HAS DISCUSSED EIMIGRATION AND MADE INQUIRIES THROUGHOUT EUROPE AND THE SEYCHELLES, BUT ALL COUNTRIES REQUIRE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRE-ARRANGED EMPLOYMENT SINCE HE HAS NO IMMEDIATE RELATIVES OUTSIDE S.A. SINCE HIS FOUR REQUESTS SINCE 1975 FOR A PASSPORT HAVE BEEN DENIED, HE CANNOT LEAVE S.A. TO GO OVERSEAS TO ARRANGE EMPLOYMENT. HE SAYS DURING LAST INTERROGATION SESSION, APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AGO, BOSS BEAT HIM WHEN RE REITERATED HIS INABILITY TO EMIGRATE AND DEMANDED THAT HE LEAVE S.A. BY END OF FEBRUARY. DOBROVOLSKY PLANS A TRIP TO PRETORIA WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 25-26 TO ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TO GRANT HIM A PASSPORT SO HE CAN TRAVEL TO EUROPE FOR JOB INTERVIEWS. HE ALSO ASKED FOR USG ASSISTANCE.

4. DOBROVOLSKY VISITED CONGEN APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MONTHS AGO SEEKING IMMIGRATION INFORMATION. AT THAT TIME HE ALLUDED VAGUELY TO BOSS HARASSMENT, BUT AVOIDED DISCUSSING IT IN DETAIL. POST RECORDS ALSO CONTAIN NIV APPLICATION DATED 7/25/74 WHICH SHOWS DOBROVOLSKY WAS ISSUED B-1 VISA ON THAT DATE, IN JUNE 1973, AND ON 10/17/74 (THE LATTER IN A NEW S.A. PASSPORT ISSUED IN SAN FRANCISCO AFTER REPORTED LOSS OF PASSPORT CONTAINING VISA ISSUED IN JULY). IN ADDITION, FILE CONTAINS A LETTER FROM A ROBERT ADAMS, PRESUMABLY AMCIT LIVING IN LOS ANGELES, TO CONGEN ALLEGING THAT DURING 1973-4 DOBROVOLSKY STOLE A LARGE NUMBER OF ITEMS AND RENEGED ON LARGE DEBTS IN PARIS AND IN U.S.

AFFIDAVIT SWORN TO AT EMBASSY PARIS ACCUSING DOBROVOLSKY OF THEFT WAS INCLUDED WITH LATTER LETTER. (COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT).

5. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS DOBROVOLSKY'S ALLEGATIONS. ONLY EVIDENCE HE SUPPLIED WAS (A) A 5/13/75 LETTER TO S.A. INTERIOR MINISTRY REQUESTING PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN S.A. PENDING HIS OBTAINING A WORK PERMIT IN BRITAIN; AND (B) AN INTERIOR MINISTRY REPLY DATED 8/11/75 REFUSING DOBROVOLSKY'S APPLICATION FOR A S.A. PASSPORT. (IT IS NOTED THAT IN HIS 5/13/75 LETTER, DOBROVOLSKY STATED THAT HE NO LONGER POSSESSED SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP.) DURING OUR INTERVIEW, DOBROVOLSKY APPEARED GENUINELY DEPRESSED ABOUT HIS PREDICAMENT. NO PHYSICAL INJURIES WERE SHOWN OR OBSERVABLE. HE SEEMED SINCERE IN HIS ALLEGATIONS
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OF SAG AND BOSS ACTIVITY AGAINST HIM. AGAINST THIS, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE THE ACCUSATIONS OF AMCITS REGARDING DOBROVOLSKY'S BEHAVIOR IN THE U.S. A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION PROBABLY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ASCERTAIN BETTER WHERE TRUTH LIES IN THIS CASE.
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